Take AIM

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for SAP Users

A New Year and A New Beginning

As we start our new year, we are continuing to go full speed ahead with the FICO implementations. Our plans this year are to complete all CONUS implementations and start the planning process for the overseas bases. The two regions that are not on AIMS yet are the South region, and National Capital region. We anticipate the South region will go on in August, and once the National Capital region is on along with the other base implementations we have scheduled this year, we will have all CONUS bases on the system. In December, we added our own Central Fund on to SAP, and with that, we are realizing some efficiencies and you will notice that as a result of our implementation, we have merged our Central Fund and Field accounting staffs here at headquarters into one accounting function.

Our HR and KRONOS implementations are moving at an accelerated pace this year, and as we finish the Vermont Systems interface test in Jacksonville, we will start rolling out the Point-Of-Sale systems in late spring.

We have also been working closely with OSD and the Air Force. The Air Force recently received OSD approval to pilot test a new MIS system with the requirement that the Air Force will leverage our work, and we can produce a Purple system. They recently sent out a RFI and anticipate starting work at three bases and a MAJCOM around March/April of this year. This will hopefully standardize processes between the services and allow us to partner in some areas.

Mid-Atlantic Grows Again

They don't call them growing pains for nothing. The Mid-Atlantic Region had the pleasure of going through another "Go Live" on December 15, 2003. They had four company codes merge into the existing MWR (Mechanicsburg, Willow Grove, Sugar Grove, and Philadelphia) and two merged into VQ (Wallops Island and Willow Grove). They received two new funds, Willow Grove Navy Flying Club and the Civilian Recreation fund that is made up of Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia.

With every "Go Live" there are some things that happen that we cannot anticipate. During this "Go Live" there were some IT problems that occurred during data conversion that were beyond anyone's control. Mindy and Chad came to our rescue on many occasions. They really helped us get through a tough situation. We cannot thank them enough. Everyone at the MWR office helped us and made us feel at home. We want to give a special thanks to Jackie, Marsha, Lisa P., Yvette, Madonna, Lisa G., Rose & Robert for all of their help and effort.

Likewise for the VQ. They lucked out because we weren't physically located in their building. So, we didn't have a chance to stand at their desks and barrage them with questions like we did at the MWR building. But Denise did get the opportunity to meet with us at the MWR office and answer some questions. We greatly appreciate her help and effort, as well as, her staff: Lu Ann, Elaine, Karen, Apprelle, Debbie, Andrea, Mingo and Ana.

Last but not least, the wonderful people at the OTH sites. They were a big help. We really appreciate them making the trip to Norfolk. They got to hang out with us at the MWR building and help us with data conversion. A special thanks to Kathie, Lorraine, Willie, Shelly, Cheryl and staff.

Even though there might have been some pain involved during this process I think everyone can say it was worth it. Everyone did a great job.

The SAP team thanks everyone for all of the hard work and patience that went into this "Go Live".

Maintaining Citibank Vendor Search Help

A special vendor search help was developed to ensure that the correct Citibank vendor is selected based on the credit card holder name or card account number. The search help is based on a custom table that associates the Citibank vendor number of a particular Approving Officer (AO) with their respective card holders (both the card holder name and the card holder's account number). This table is usually completed at the time of your initial go-live on SAP, but its on-going maintenance is the responsibility of the MWR/VQ Business Offices.

To use the search help effectively, the information in this table must be current. It is the APC's responsibility to keep the MWR/VQ business office informed of any cardholder additions, deletions, or changes in AO's. The vendor technician will then be able to make all the necessary changes to the table. The table can be accessed using the transaction code **Y_DV2_24000005**.

With the New Year here, it is a good time to check the accuracy of your Citibank AO table. If you need help with this process please call the SAP helpdesk at (901) 874-6500.

January 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 **Holiday**	2	3
4	5	6 **FICO** **Training Pensacola**	7 **SAP** **HR Kickoff SW Region**	8	9 **Kronos Go-Live Millington**	10
11	12 **HR SAP Training Hawaii**	13	14	15	16	17
18	**19** **Jax Mulligan's VSI Go-Live**	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 **San Diego CYMS Training & Go-Live**	27	28	29	30	31

Post-Capitalization…What's Going On?
by Debbie Morrison

Another update from the land of assets. You know how you sometimes accidentally find that golf cart or truck that was never put into SAP as an asset? (I know that never really happens to YOU, but work with me here!) Of course you know, from reading your great little asset training manual, the proper method is to enter the asset through the post-capitalization process which is **tcode ABNAN**. This transaction is only for assets that have a value date from the previous year. Do not use this method if you find an asset within the current fiscal year. You enter all of the pertinent data as you should, hit save, and the interplanetary system of the asset galaxy is once again realigned, correct? Well, not quite. If you look closely at the way SAP

calculates the past depreciation, you will notice there is something amiss. The fiscal year in which depreciation starts will look great. SAP is real smart. It will skip the first month of the asset and continue with depreciation throughout the rest of the fiscal year as it should. But look at the next year! What's this? SAP only calculates eleven months of depreciation. For some reason, with post-capitalization, when SAP roles over that first fiscal year, it suddenly thinks the asset is new again and skips a month of depreciation AGAIN. We wanted to let you know that headquarters is aware of this issue and has been working with SAP for quite some time in trying to get a resolution. We will let you know as soon as it is resolved.

February 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 **San Diego CYMS (cont.)**	2 **San Diego Qzone (Micros)**	3	4	5	6 **Meridian FICO Go-Live**	7 **Hawaii HR Go-Live On the 6th**
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This begins the second year of the "take AIM" bi-monthly newsletter and based on the suggestions of readers just like you, we hope to make the articles and features of each issue important to all our loyal SAP users. During our first year, we experimented with various types of articles both technical and those more oriented to the SAP implementation team's future plans. We felt that the MWR/VQ worlds should be kept informed on a regular basis what was happening in the other regions as well as their own. We hope that you, as one of our readers, feel welcome in making suggestions as to how we can make this, your bi-monthly newsletter, more effective and closer to what you expect. E-mail us at any time and we will take every suggestion, comment and idea to heart and adjust the content of 'take AIM' based on your input.

Thank you for your support…...the editor

Are we Rockin in SAP HR and Kronos Systems ??

NSA Mid-South went live with **SAP HR** October 17th, 2003 and with **Kronos WFC** on January 9, 2004.

Navy Region Hawaii's SAP HR pre-implementation in November went well and training will be held in Pearl Harbor January 12-16th. Since its very cold in Millington this time of the year, Hawaii is a wonderful place to have a SAP HR training class. Aloha from Kathie and Cheryl!

Jacque and Ashley held the Southwest SAP HR pre-implementation January 5th in San Diego.

We are currently focusing on implementation of SAP HR and completing the OTH bases.

Crane Indiana and Lakehurst New Jersey is scheduled for a March 5th SAP HR go-live.

Elvis, on his 69th birthday, says, Yes!

Gulfport, Meridian, Pascagoula, Key West and Charleston are on the calendar for a May 28th go-live.